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## Press Release

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### Pennsylvania Milk Production Down Just Under 1 Percent in November

HARRISBURG --- Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during November 2002 totaled 863 million pounds, down 0.8 percent from last year's production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 591,000 head, unchanged from October, but 5,000 less than November 2001. Production per cow averaged 1,460 pounds in November, 35 pounds less than October and unchanged from November 2001.

Milk production in the **20 states surveyed** during November 2002 totaled 11.7 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent compared to production during November 2001. October revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 2.1 percent from October 2001. The number of milk cows on farms in November averaged 7.79 million head, 54,000 head more than a year earlier, and 1,000 head more than October 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,501 pounds for November, 16 pounds above November 2001.